

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An information processing device storing user information related to a user and ~~communicating~~ configured to communicate with a plurality of other information processing devices, said information processing device comprising:

presenting means for presenting by wireless communication user information to be read or changed by ~~said other information processing~~ a music reproduction device, said user information includes music preference information indicating music preferences of said user, and said user information is updated on a basis of a history of use of contents provided from said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device;

specifying means for specifying permission to read or change the user information presented by said presenting means;

identifying means for identifying said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device;

storing means for storing the user information read or changed by said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device identified by said identifying means in association with said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device; and

communicating means for transmitting said user information by quasi-electrostatic field communication, electromagnetic wave communication, or optical communication directly between said information processing device and said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device,

wherein said preference information is transmitted to ~~an information~~ said music reproduction device ~~specified by said user~~, and said ~~information~~ music reproduction device is

~~operated in correspondence with~~ configured to select music and reproduce said music based on said music preference information.

Claim 2 (Cancelled).

Claim 3 (Original): The information processing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein a device external to said information processing device is used as an input or output interface.

Claim 4 (Cancelled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The information processing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein

when an initial communication with said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device is performed, a first code used by said information processing device to encrypt information and a second code generated in correspondence with said first code are generated, and said first code is transmitted to said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device, and

a third code used by said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device to encrypt information is obtained via said communicating means.

Claim 6 (Cancelled).

Claim 7 (Original): The information processing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein a communication with an information managing device that manages said user information is performed via a network, and said user information is updated so that contents of the user information stored in said information processing device are identical with contents of the user information stored in said information managing device.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The information processing device as claimed in claim 7, wherein

said information managing device identifies said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device permitted to read or change said user information, and provides said user information to the ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device permitted to read or change said user information via said network.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The information processing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein

said user is authenticated on a basis of a change pattern of a quasi-electrostatic field or an electrostatic field occurring at a body of said user.

Claim 10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Original): The information processing device as claimed in claim 1, wherein

new user information is created on a basis of a plurality of pieces of user information associated with a plurality of other information processing devices.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): An information processing method of an information processing device, said information processing device storing user information related to a user and ~~communicating~~ configured to communicate with a plurality of other information processing devices, said information processing method comprising:

presenting user information, by wireless communication, to be read or changed by ~~said other information processing~~ a music reproduction device, said user information includes music preference information indicating music preferences of said user, and said user information is updated on a basis of a history of use of contents provided from said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device;

specifying permission to read or change the user information presented by a process of said presenting user information to be read or changed;

identifying said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device;

storing the user information read or changed by said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device identified by a process of said identifying said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device in association with said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device; [[and]]

transmitting said user information by quasi-electrostatic field communication, electromagnetic wave communication, or optical communication directly between said information processing device and said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device[[,]]; and

~~wherein~~ transmitting said preference information ~~is transmitted to an information~~ said music reproduction device ~~specified by said user~~, and said ~~information~~ music reproduction device is ~~operated in correspondence with~~ configured to select music and reproduce said music based on said music preference information.

Claim 13 (Cancelled).

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A ~~recording~~ non-transitory, computer-readable storage medium on which a program of an information processing device, said information processing device storing user information related to a user and ~~communicating~~ configured to communicate with a plurality of other information processing devices, is recorded, said program making a computer perform a method comprising:

presenting user information, by wireless communication, to be read or changed by ~~said other information processing~~ a music reproduction device, said user information includes music preference information indicating music preferences of said user, and said user information is updated on a basis of a history of use of contents provided from said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device;

controlling specifying permission to read or change the user information presented by a process of said presenting user information to be read or changed;

identifying said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device;

performing control so as to store the user information read or changed by said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device identified by a process of said identifying said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device in association with said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device; [[and]]

transmitting said user information by quasi-electrostatic field communication, electromagnetic wave communication, or optical communication directly between said information processing device and said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device[[,]]; and

~~wherein~~ transmitting said preference information ~~is transmitted to an information said~~ music reproduction device ~~specified by said user~~, and said ~~information~~ music reproduction

~~device is operated in correspondence with~~ is configured to select music and reproduce said music based on said music preference information.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): An information processing device for communicating with a plurality of other information processing devices via a network and storing user information related to a user, said information processing device comprising:

communicating means for communicating with a portable terminal possessed by the user via said network;

obtaining means for obtaining the user information, by wireless communication, stored in said portable terminal and relating to said user;

updating means for updating said user information stored in said information processing device on a basis of the user information obtained by said obtaining means, said user information includes music preference information indicating music preferences of said user, and said user information is ~~[[also]]~~ updated on a basis of a history of use of contents provided from ~~said other information processing~~ a music reproduction device;

generating means for generating data for updating said user information stored in said portable terminal; and

communicating means for transmitting said user information by quasi-electrostatic field communication, electromagnetic wave communication, or optical communication directly between said information processing device and said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device,

wherein said preference information is transmitted to ~~an information device specified~~ said music reproduction device by said user, and said ~~information~~ music reproduction device is ~~operated in correspondence with~~ configured to select music and reproduce said music based on said music preference information.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The information processing device as claimed in claim 15, wherein

when said portable terminal is not connected to said network, said communicating means communicates with said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device in place of said portable terminal.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The information processing device as claimed in claim 16, wherein

further stored as said user information are:

information for identifying said portable terminal;

a password for said portable terminal to authenticate said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device;

a first code used by said portable terminal to encrypt information and a second code generated in correspondence with the first code;

information for identifying said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device;

a password for said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device to authenticate said portable terminal; and

a third code used by said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device to encrypt information.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The information processing device as claimed in claim 15, further comprising updating means for updating said user information on a basis of

a history of use of contents provided from said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device.

Claim 19 (Original): The information processing device as claimed in claim 15, wherein

an access point connecting said portable terminal with said network is identified, a present value of said user is determined on a basis of a position of the identified said access point, and information on the present position of said user is stored as said user information.

Claim 20 (Original): The information processing device as claimed in claim 19, wherein

an ID for identifying a device corresponding to said access point and an access key necessary to communicate with said device is further stored as said user information.

Claim 21 (Original): The information processing device as claimed in claim 20, wherein

said communicating means communicates with said portable terminal at predetermined time intervals to update the information on the present position of said user, the ID for identifying the device corresponding to said access point, and the access key.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The information processing device as claimed in claim 21, wherein

when a request signal indicating a request for conversation with said user is received from said other information processing device via said network, said user information is transmitted to said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device.

Claim 23 (Original): The information processing device as claimed in claim 15,
wherein

said user information exceeding a storage capacity of said portable terminal is further
stored.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): An information processing method of an information
processing device, said information processing device ~~communicating~~ configured to
communicate with a plurality of other information processing devices via a network and
storing user information related to a user, said information processing method comprising:

communicating with a portable terminal possessed by the user via said network;

obtaining [[the]] user information, by wireless communication, stored in said portable
terminal and relating to said user;

updating said user information stored in ~~said information processing~~ a music
reproduction device on a basis of the user information obtained by a process of said
obtaining, said user information includes music preference information indicating music
preferences of said user, and said user information is also updated on a basis of a history of
use of contents provided from said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device;

generating data for updating said user information stored in said portable terminal;

[[and]]

transmitting said user information by quasi-electrostatic field communication,
electromagnetic wave communication, or optical communication directly between said
information processing device and said ~~plurality of other information processing devices~~
music reproduction device[[,]]; and

~~wherein transmitting~~ said preference information ~~is transmitted to an information said~~
~~music reproduction device specified by said user, and said information music reproduction~~
~~device is operated in correspondence with~~ configured to select music and reproduce said
music based on said music preference information.

Claim 25 (Cancelled).

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): A ~~recording~~ non-transitory computer-readable
storage medium on which a program of an information processing device, said information
processing device ~~communicating~~ configured to communicate with a plurality of other
information processing devices via a network and storing user information related to a user, is
recorded, said program making a computer perform a method comprising:

performing control so as to communicate with a portable terminal possessed by the
user via said network;

obtaining ~~[[the]]~~ user information, by wireless communication, stored in said portable
terminal and relating to said user;

performing control so as to update said user information stored in said information
processing device on a basis of the user information obtained by a process of said obtaining
controlling, said user information includes music preference information indicating music
preferences of said user, and said user information is also updated on a basis of a history of
use of contents provided from said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device;

controlling generating data for updating said user information stored in said portable
terminal; ~~[[and]]~~

transmitting said user information by quasi-electrostatic field communication,
electromagnetic wave communication, or optical communication directly between said

information processing device and said ~~plurality of other information processing devices~~
music reproduction device[[,]]; and

~~wherein transmitting~~ said preference information ~~is transmitted to an information~~ said
music reproduction device ~~specified by said user~~, and said ~~information~~ music reproduction
~~device is operated in correspondence with~~ configured to select music and reproduce said
music based on said music preference information.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): An information processing device storing user
information related to a user and ~~communicating~~ configured to communicate with a plurality
of other information processing devices, said information processing device comprising:

a communication unit configured to present by wireless communication user
information to be read or changed by ~~said other information processing~~ a music reproduction
device and transmit said user information by quasi-electrostatic field communication,
electromagnetic wave communication, or optical communication directly between said
information processing device and said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction
device;

a permission input unit configured to specify permission to read or change the user
information presented by said communication unit, and said user information includes music
preference information indicating music preferences of said user;

an identifying unit configured to identify said ~~other information processing~~ music
reproduction device; and

a storage unit configured to store the user information read or changed by said ~~other~~
~~information processing~~ music reproduction device identified by said identifying unit in
association with said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device,

wherein when an initial communication with said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device is performed, information for identifying said information processing device is transmitted to said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device, and said user information is updated on a basis of a history of use of contents provided from said ~~other information processing~~ music reproduction device, and

wherein said preference information is transmitted to ~~an information device specified by said user,~~ said music reproduction device and said ~~information~~ music reproduction device is ~~operated in correspondence with~~ configured to select music and reproduce said music based on said music preference information.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): An information processing device ~~for communicating~~ configured to communicate with a plurality of other information processing devices via a network and storing user information related to a user, said information processing device comprising:

a communication unit configured to communicate with a portable terminal possessed by the user via said network and transmit said user information by quasi-electrostatic field communication, electromagnetic wave communication, or optical communication directly between said information processing device and ~~said plurality of other information processing devices~~ a music reproduction device;

an obtaining unit configured to obtain, by wireless communication, the user information stored in said portable terminal and relating to said user, said user information includes music preference information indicating music preferences of said user;

an updating configured to update said user information stored in said information processing device on a basis of the user information obtained by said obtaining unit, said user

information is also updated on a basis of a history of use of contents provided from said ~~other~~
~~information processing~~ music reproduction device; and

a generating unit configured to generate data for updating said user information stored
in said portable terminal,

wherein said preference information is transmitted to ~~an information device specified~~
~~by said user,~~ said music reproduction device and said ~~information~~ music reproduction device
is ~~operated in correspondence with~~ configured to select music and reproduce said music
based on said music preference information.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): The information processing device as claimed in
claim 1, wherein the user information includes the user's name.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): The information processing device as claimed in
claim 1, further comprising:

a sensor configured to detect a radio wave signal emitted from a chip external to the
information processing device, and said user is authenticated based on the radio wave signal.

Claim 31 (Cancelled).